Farm Service Agency



Fact Sheet March 2001

Other Tobaccos

2000 Support Program and Related Information

Dark Air-Cured

Fire-Cured

Sun-Cured

Cigar Filler & Binder

Legislative Authority

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, authorizes marketing quotas on an acreage allotment basis for various kinds of tobacco, except cigar wrapper and perique. The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, sets the price support at the previous year's level,

with an annual adjustment based on the change in a parity index average.

Marketing Quotas

Marketing quotas, having been approved by more than two-thirds of the producers, are in effect for the following tobaccos and crop years:

Kind (type)	Crop Years			Referendum Date
Sun-Cured (37)	1998	1999	2000	March 1998
Cigar Filler and Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	1999	2000	2001	March 1999
Fire-Cured (21-22-23)	2000	2001	2002	March 2000
Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	2000	2001	2002	March 2000

Producers in March 1998 disapproved marketing quotas for 1998, 1999, and 2000 crops of Maryland (type 32), Pennsylvania cigar-filler (type 41), and Connecticut Valley cigar-binder (types 51-52) tobaccos. The next referenda for those three kinds are scheduled to be held in

March 2001. In addition, a referendum was held in March 1996 for Cigar Filler (Type 46) tobacco in which no one voted. Because this kind of tobacco is no longer grown, a special ruling was made accepting the referendum as a "No" vote and absolving producers from future

referenda unless they actively petition the Secretary of Agriculture to reinstate the quota process.

Acreage Allotments

Following are 2000 national acreage allotments compared to 1999:

Kind (type)	2000 Allotment (acres)	1999 Allotment (acres)
Fire-Cured (21)	1,365	1,625
Fire-Cured (22-23)	17,201	16,065
Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	5,830	5,587
Sun-Cured (37)	122	117
Cigar Filler & Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	1,702	2,191

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Producers who exceed acreage allotments for tobaccos under marketing quotas are subject to marketing quota penalties. The penalty rate is 75 percent of the

previous year's average market price.

The marketing year for all tobaccos covered in this fact sheet begins October 1.

Support Level

National support levels for the 2000 crops remain at the 1999 levels. USDA sets individual grade rates before the marketing season begins:

Kind (type)	Average Support Level (cents per pound)			
	2000	1999		
Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	148.1	148.1		
Fire-Cured (21)	155.9	155.9		
Fire-Cured (22-23)	171.6	171.6		
Sun-Cured (37)	138.0	138.0		
Cigar Filler & Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	123.8	123.8		

Support Method

Nonrecourse loans are available on 2000 production for the five quota tobaccos listed. Price support is provided to growers through producer associations under contractual terms with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The associations receive the tobacco not sold at the support rate, using funds loaned by CCC.

Producers are required to certify that they have not nested their tobacco and also that pesticides used in producing tobacco have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and that these products have been used in accordance with label directions.

Assessments

As a condition of price support eligibility, producers of these various kinds of tobacco must pay an assessment on each pound of tobacco marketed to ensure the price support program operates at no net cost to taxpayers, as required by the No Net Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982.

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	Production	National Average Loan Level	No-Net-Cost Assessment	Average Price to Farmers	Farm Value			
	(million lbs.)		(cents per lb.)		(\$millions)			
	Virginia Fire-Cured Tobacco (type 21)							
1991 1992	3.6 2.6	133.2 136.7	12.0000 13.3165	152.6 161.5	5.4 4.2			
1992	2.0 1.9	139.5	11.3025	171.9	3.3			
1994	2.4	140.7	7.2965	161.2	3.9			
1995	1.5	143.0	15.2850	162.5	2.4			
1996	1.7	145.5	3.2725	179.0	3.0			
1997	2.0	149.8	2.2510	212.5	4.3			
1998	2.3	153.6	1.2320	193.6	4.5			
1999	2.5	155.9	2.0000	198.1	5.0			
2000		155.9						
		re-Cured Tobacco (type		040.4	20.0			
1991	29.3	136.7	1.3165	213.4	62.6			
1992 1993	34.2 39.0	142.1 146.4	1.2895 0.7680	217.3 219.4	74.4 85.6			
1993	45.9	148.3	1.2585	209.2	96.0			
1995	37.7	151.8	1.2410	217.2	81.9			
1996	42.5	155.7	1.2215	224.5	95.4			
1997	40.3	162.3	0.1885^1 1.1885^2	225.6	90.9			
1998	37.5	168.1	0.1595^1 1.1595^2	222.5	83.4			
1999	33.9	171.6	0.0000^1 1.0000^2	229.8	77.9			
2000		171.6						
		ark-Air-Cured Tobacco						
1991	8.7	116.9	0.8310	184.0	16.1			
1992	10.3	121.7	0.8915	169.4	17.4			
1993 1994	11.1 11.7	125.5 127.3	0.8725 1.3635	171.5 168.5	19.0 19.7			
1994	8.5	130.4	2.3480	176.2	15.0			
1996	8.6	133.9	2.3305	195.2	16.8			
1997	8.2	139.8	0.3010 ¹ 1.3010 ² 2.3010 ³		16.5			
1998	9.7	145.0	0.2750 ¹ 1.2750 ² 2.2750 ³	195.5	19.0			
1999	10.3	148.1	0.0000 ¹ 1.0000 ² 3.0000 ³	203.9	21.0			
2000		148.1						
	Virginia Sun-Cured Tobacco (type 37)							
	.1		12.0000	143.4	0.2			
1992	.1	120.8	13.3960	138.0	0.2			
1993 1994	.1	123.3 124.5	11.3835 7.3775	152.1 147.6	0.2 0.2			
1994	. I 1	124.5	7.3775 15.3675	153.0	0.2 0.2			
1996	.1	128.8	3.3560	178.2	0.2			
1997	.1	132.6	2.3370	190.8	0.2			
1998	.1	136.0	1.3200	170.9	0.2			
1999	.2	138.0	2.0000	159.4	0.3			
2000		138.0						
	Cigar Binder Tobacco (types 53-55) (Wisconsin)							
1991	15.2	101.4	0 0	155.0	23.5			
1992	12.8	105.4	0 0	148.7	19.1			
1993	6.6	107.4	0 0	143.2	9.6			
1994 1995	5.9 6.2	108.4 110.1	0.4580 0.4495 0.4495	145.0 145.0	8.6			
1995	6.2 5.2	110.1 112.0	0.4495 0.4495 0.4400 0.4400	145.0 148.6	9.0 7.7			
1990	5.7	116.9	0.4155 0.4155	150.5	7.7 8.6			
1998	4.2	121.2	1.3940 3.3940	148.7	6.2			
1999	2.8	123.8	2.0000 6.0000	149.7	4.2			
2000		123.8						
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¹Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association ²Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association ³Stemming District Tobacco Growers Association

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